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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, EMIN, OPIC, JM, US

SUBJECT: REVERE CASE: POSSIBLE THAW

1. ON MAY 12, CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY ECON AND POL OFFICERS, HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF REVERE ISSUE WITH MAYER MATALON, WHO HAS BEEN KEY ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER ON BAUXITE MATTERS IN GENERAL. AS MEETING PROGRESSED, IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THERE MAY BE A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY FOR SOME SORT OF COM-PROMISE OF THE REVERE PROBLEM. MATALON SAID THAT BEST COURSE IS TO DEAL WITH THE MATTER AS A BUSINESS PROBLEM, SETTING ASIDE FOR THE MOMENT THE INTRICACIES OF THE LEGAL CONTROVERSIES INVOLVED IN (A) REVERE AGAINST THE GOVERN-MENT OF JAMAICA AND (B) REVERE AGAINST OPIC. HE SAID THAT PROBLEM IN SUCH AN APPROACH FOR THE GOJ IS THAT OF HARD CASH BUT AS WE TALKED ON, HE LEFT DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT HE WOULD FIND INTERESTING-- AND COULD MAKE PER-SUASIVE--SOME SORT OF ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH THE GOJ COULD MEET ITS SHARE OF ANY BUY-OUT OF REVERE ON THE BASIS OF SOMETHING CLEARLY SALEABLE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE RESERVATION FOR REVERE OF SOME PORTION OF FUTURE PRODUCTION.

2. WE HAVE TOLD MARSHALL MAYS OF OPIC OF OUR DISCUSSION,
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AND HE MAY COME TO KINGSTON ON MONDAY NEXT (MAY 16). WE ARE HEARTENED BY THIS TURN OF EVENTS, AND PARTI-CULARLY BY MATALON'S AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSITION THAT THE USG AND GOJ HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN SOLVING THE MATTER. WE ARE RESTRAINING OUR ENTHUSIASM, HOWEVER, UNTIL WE SEE WHAT MAYS IS PREPARED TO OFFER. AND, OF COURSE, WITH THE LITIGIOUS AND LEGALISTIC DUDLEY THOMPSON--

WHO HAS NO NECESSARY DESIRE TO SEE THE MATTER
RESOLVED--AT THE MINING MINISTRY, THERE IS EVERY
REASON TO RESTRAIN ENTHUSIASM.
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